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# TRIBUTE TO THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

## HON. JOHN T. SALAZAR

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. SALAZAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District. All of us have in our districts special places and special people. The Arkansas Valley is very near to me because of the grit of its people and its genuine effort to sustain its culture and rural economy.

More than half a century ago, this region was optimistic about its future. The Valley knew that if it worked hard, it could prosper. But the people in the Valley also knew that they needed more water in order to do so. It was then that they envisioned a project which would bring them supplemental water for farms and ranches and small businesses and industry like the steel mill.

The people came together to push such a project, which came to be known as the Fryingpan-Arkansas because it moved water from the Fryingpan River watershed to the Arkansas River basin. In fact, the people needed to lobby Washington on behalf of the project, and they sold small golden fryingpans to raise money to send citizen lobbyists to Washington to tell the story of their need and their dream.

The Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District was eventually formed by these local activists, if you will. It was created under Colorado statute and designated by the Pueblo, Colorado district court. Its mission was to develop, in partnership with the Bureau of Reclamation, the multi-purpose project we now know.

I want to congratulate the District on its 50 years of dedicated work. Not only does it manage this complex project with its many diversion, conveyance and storage features; it promotes conservation programs, administers a valuable winter water storage program, and manages return flows for augmentation purposes.

The District and its many distinguished board members who have served the District and the Valley over 50 years are to be commended for their important efforts as they celebrate their golden anniversary today.

## COMMENDING THE STATE OF KANSAS

### HON. NANCY E. BOYDA

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I would like to commend the state of Kansas for passing the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Kansas (Kansas House Bill 2714).

Military parents, like all parents, want a high-quality education for their children. Due to the nature of their jobs, which often require frequent moves, military families are too often faced with extra challenges. The enactment of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children is truly a hallmark for the state of Kansas. It will remove the educational barriers military children often face when parents must move to another state or are deployed.

The bill creates a pact with other states to streamline the school transfer process. It includes many creative solutions such as allowing students to use hand-carried records, rather than waiting on schools to transfer records, and requiring districts that do transfer records to do so within 10 days. It also gives extra excused absences to children with a parent who is deploying or returning and lets students enroll in advanced courses and special education programs previously enrolled in. Further, it provides schools with the choice to enroll students into extracurricular programs midseason and waive prerequisites.

Provisions in the bill will apply to children of active members of the military, including those members severely injured and medically discharged and those retired for a period of up to one year after retirement.

The U.S. Department of Defense Office of Personnel and Readiness, in cooperation with the Council of State Governments and Advisory Group, have embraced the compact and look forward to working with other states as they develop similar programs.

This compact celebrates our nation's defenders and I ask my colleagues in Congress to congratulate the fine state of Kansas and to encourage their states to join the Compact.

## A TRIBUTE TO STANLEY F. BATTLE

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Stanley F. Battle, who on July 1, 2007, assumed the position of chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

A native of Springfield, Massachusetts, Dr. Battle majored in sociology at Springfield College, graduating in 1973. After completing a master's degree in social work from the University of Connecticut in 1975, he earned a master's degree in public health (1979) and a doctorate in social welfare policy (1980) from the University of Pittsburgh. He later completed the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University and the Millennium

Leadership Institute of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Dr. Battle began his academic career at the University of Minnesota in 1980, serving as an assistant professor in the School of Social Work with an adjunct appointment in the School of Public Health. Four years later, he moved to Boston University, holding joint appointments in the Schools of Social Work and Public Health. He was named a professor in the University of Connecticut School of Social Work in 1987, where he was promoted to associate dean for research and development in 1991.

In 1993, Battle was recruited to Eastern Connecticut State University as associate vice president for academic affairs. Five years later, he joined the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as the Sullivan-Spaights Distinguished Professor in UWM's School of Social Welfare and Education. In that role, he established scholarships, a summer research institute focused on issues pertaining to adolescent fathers, and a mentoring institute for adolescent African American males. In 2000, he was promoted to vice chancellor of student and multicultural affairs at UMW, a post he held until being named president of Coppin State in 2003.

Throughout his career, Dr. Battle has remained committed to scholarly endeavor, community involvement and collaboration. Battle has numerous awards and honors and is an accomplished teacher, researcher, and speaker. He is also the author or co-author of 11 books and more than 60 articles and book chapters, primarily focusing on social issues involving the African American community.

Battle and his wife, Judith Lynn Rozie-Battle, an attorney, have one daughter, Ashley Lynn, a graduate of Mount Holyoke College who is now pursuing a master's degree from the Columbia School of Journalism.

## RECOGNIZING THE SOUTHEASTERN COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

### HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Madam Speaker, Fifty years ago today, the Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District was formed by a district court in Pueblo, Colorado. Its charge was to develop and administer the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project.

My Congressional District includes the Lower Arkansas Valley, which both the Project and the District serve. Supplemental water is provided for agricultural, municipal and industrial purposes with the hope of sustaining the livelihood of the people of this region.

The Arkansas Valley is not a wealthy region, but its people are rich in their determination and their love for the Valley. After World War II, this area like many others, saw a future of growth and enhancement, but it needed more to obtain those goals.

The Southeastern District and the many wonderful Valley residents who have served on its Board of Directors over the 50 years of its existence have served us well. The Fryingpan-Arkansas Project is an important tool in the area's efforts to survive both economically and culturally. While the Arkansas

Basin experiences its highs and lows, often influenced by the availability of water in any given year, the Basin recognizes the value of the Project and the District which manages it capably and effectively.

I want to thank the Southeastern District for its efforts and congratulate them on their half a century of success.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING  
MATT BLAKE FOR WINNING THE  
OHIO DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

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IN TRIBUTE TO THE AIGEN HAIFA  
CHAPTER OF AMERICAN  
FRIENDS OF MAGEN DAVID  
ADOM

**HON. DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 29, 2008*

Mrs. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Aigen Haifa Chapter of American Friends of Magen David Adom. Magen David Adom is Israel's equivalent to the Red Cross.

The chapter based out of Sunrise, Florida, is celebrating the 60th anniversary of the state of Israel. Since its formation in 1992, the

chapter has raised several million dollars. This money has gone to buy 11 ambulances that cost anywhere between \$70 and \$100 thousand. The money also helps build blood centers in Israel which supply 95 percent of the blood in the state to among others, hospitals and the military.

Over the last three years, the chapter has been short handed. Many of us remember the destruction by Hurricane Wilma in 2005. This group felt it first hand, more than 50 of its 120 members have left and not returned to the area. But that has not stopped them from taking money out of their own pockets to donate to the state of Israel. On several occasions, a former member has passed away, and willed money to the organization so they could help their brothers and sisters in Israel.

Madam Speaker, this group exemplifies some of the best that this country has to offer. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to tell all of America about some of the women and men in my district who work to make positive changes in the lives of others.